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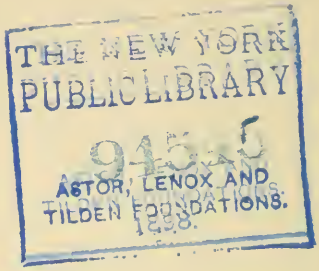

SOCIAL MEETINGS

The Society has adopted the Anniversaries of the Granting of the Charter to William Penn by Charles II and of the Landing of Penn in Philadelphia as occasions for holding social gatherings.

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OFFICERS COUNCILORS
COMMITTEES

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WILLIAM HENRY JENKS
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WILLIAM HENRY JENKS
CHARLES SWIFT RICHÉ HILDEBURN
EUGENE ZIEBER

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

THOMAS ALLEN GLENN (*ex officio*)
HOWARD WILLIAMS LLOYD
HON. SAMUEL WHITAKER PENNYPACKER

CHARTER CONSTITUTION
BY-LAWS

CHARTER AND CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE COLONIAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas No. 2 for the County of Philadelphia:

In compliance with the requirements of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of Certain Corporations," approved the 29th day of April, A.D. 1874, and the supplements thereto, the undersigned, all of whom are citizens of Pennsylvania, having associated themselves together for the purposes hereinafter specified, and desiring that

they may be incorporated according to law, do hereby

CERTIFY

First. The name, style, and title of the proposed Corporation is "The Colonial Society of Pennsylvania."

Second. Said Corporation is formed for the purpose of celebrating anniversaries of events connected with the settlement of Pennsylvania prior to 1700; of collecting, preserving, and publishing records and documents, printed or in manuscript, relating to the early history of that Colony, and to perpetuate the memory of the early settlers of the American Colonies.

Third. This Society is seated and located in the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania.

Fourth. This Society shall have power to adopt a constitution and by-laws for its government, to carry out the objects above set forth, and such similar objects as are not antagonistic to the laws of this State or of the United States of America.

Fifth. The said Corporation is to exist perpetually.

Sixth. The officers of the Society for the ensuing year are as follows:

President—John Woolf Jordan.

Vice-President—Samuel W. Pennypacker.

Second Vice-President—Joseph E. Gillingham.

Secretary—Henry Douglas Hughes.

Assistant Secretary—Frank Earle Schermerhorn.

Registrar—Francis M. Brooke.

Treasurer—Joseph T. Bailey.

Councilors—William Spohn Baker, Thomas A. Glenn, Henry T. Coates, Henry A. Du Pont, Pemberton S. Hutchinson, Effingham B. Morris, Edward Shippen, Charles Henry Jones, J. Granville Leach, George M. Conarroe, Charles R. Hildeburn, Craige Lippincott, Charlemagne Tower, Jr., Eugene Zieber, Howard W. Lloyd, Edward S. Sayres, Charles Williams.

Witness our hands and seals this twenty-fifth day of April, Anno Domini

one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six (1896).

JOHN WOOLF JORDAN [Seal]
SAMUEL W. PENNYPACKER [Seal]
HENRY DOUGLAS HUGHES [Seal]
JOSEPH TROWBRIDGE BAILEY, 2d [Seal]
THOMAS ALLEN GLENN [Seal]
PEMBERTON S. HUTCHINSON [Seal]
HOWARD W. LLOYD [Seal]
EUGENE ZIEBER [Seal]
J. GRANVILLE LEACH [Seal]
WILLIAM SPOHN BAKER [Seal]
HENRY T. COATES [Seal]
CHARLES R. HILDEBURN [Seal]
FRANK EARLE SCHERMERHORN [Seal]
EDWARD SHIPPEN [Seal]
CHARLES WILLIAMS [Seal]
CHARLES HENRY JONES [Seal]
CRAIGE LIPPINCOTT [Seal]

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE COLONIAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA

ARTICLE I

NAME AND OBJECT

SECTION 1. This Society shall be known by the name of the Colonial Society of Pennsylvania.

SECTION 2. The object of the Society shall be to celebrate anniversaries of events connected with the settlement of Pennsylvania which occurred prior to 1700; to collect, preserve, and publish records and documents, printed or in manuscript, relating to the early history of that Colony, and to perpetuate the memory of the early settlers of the American Colonies.

ARTICLE II

SEAL, INSIGNIA, COLORS, AND BUTTON

SECTION 1. The *Seal* of the Society shall be the obverse of the great seal of Pennsylvania (1699) surrounded by a double circle, in which the inscription: The Colonial Society of Pennsylvania.

SECTION 2. The *Insignia* of the Society shall consist of: obverse, a cross formée gules, in the center thereof the shield of Penn proper; reverse, a circular disk for the name and number; and shall be suspended by a gold ring from a watered silk ribbon one and five-eighths inches wide, white with red border edged with white.

SECTION 3. The *Standard* of the Society shall be, upon a field argent the obverse of the badge proper.

SECTION 4. The *Button* of the Society shall be three-eighths inch in diameter, of white silk with a red knot in the center.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Any male person over twenty-one years of age, of good character, who is lineally descended from a male or female actually settled prior to the year 1700 in any Colony of America (now the United States) shall be eligible to membership. But whenever and as long as there shall be three hundred members, no one shall be elected. In all elections to membership the candidates who are descendants of members shall have precedence.

SECTION 2. All members shall be elected by the Council.

SECTION 3. The Council shall have the power to expel any member who may conduct himself in a manner unbecoming a member of the Society.

SECTION 4. No resignation shall be accepted unless presented in writing and approved by the Council.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the 8th day of November, the anniversary of the landing of William Penn in Pennsylvania, at which meeting the Election of Officers of the Society shall be held. In case that day shall fall upon a Sunday, the Annual Meeting shall be held on the day following. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Registrar, a Treasurer, and eighteen Councilors. The foregoing Officers and the eighteen Councilors of the Society shall constitute the Council, and shall hold their office for one year and until their successors shall be duly qualified. All elections shall be by ballot.

SECTION 2. The Council shall have the entire management of the affairs of the Society and shall make by-laws; and to every Annual Meeting of the

Society they shall make a general report.

SECTION 3. In case a vacancy shall occur by death or resignation of any of the Officers or Councilors of the Society, such vacancy shall be filled by the Council.

ARTICLE V

QUORUM

Fifteen members of the Society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE VI

PERMANENT FUND

All money derived from Life and Hereditary Memberships shall constitute a permanent fund of the Society, and the income only thereof shall be used.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

No amendments to this Constitution shall be made except at an Annual Meeting and unless such amendments shall

have been proposed in writing, signed by ten members. Thirty days' notice thereof, with the printed information of the proposed amendments, shall be given to each member of the Society by mail. A three-quarters vote of the members present shall be required to adopt such amendments.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Applicants for admission to membership in this Society must be proposed by two members in good standing, to whom the applicant is personally well known.

SECTION 2. The proposer shall give the full name, occupation, and residence of the candidate, and recommendations as to his worthiness for membership in the Society. This information shall be given on a Preliminary Application Blank and sent to the Secretary, who shall submit the same to the Council. If approved by them, the Secretary shall then furnish Final Application Blanks, which must be filled out in accordance with the instructions accompanying the same and be forwarded to the Secretary,

who shall submit them to the Committee on Membership, and upon their approval the Council shall have the power to elect the applicant to membership.

SECTION 3. Applications shall contain, or be accompanied by, proof of eligibility, and such applications and proofs shall be submitted to the Council, who shall have full power to determine the qualifications of the applicant. Upon favorable action by said Council and payment of the dues, he shall thereupon become a member of the Society.

SECTION 4. No member of the Society shall be allowed to continue in membership if his proofs of eligibility shall be found to be defective.

ARTICLE II

DUES

SECTION 1. Each member within thirty days after notification of election shall pay to the Treasurer his Annual Dues, which shall be Five Dollars; otherwise his name shall be reported to the Council for its action.

SECTION 2. Any member who neglects or refuses to pay his Annual Dues within sixty days after receiving notice from the Treasurer shall be reported to the Council for its action.

ARTICLE III

LIFE AND HEREDITARY MEMBERSHIP

The payment of Fifty Dollars at any one time shall constitute a Life Membership. The payment of One Hundred Dollars at any one time shall constitute an Hereditary Membership, which shall descend to his eldest lineal male descendant, subject to the approval of the Council. Life and Hereditary Memberships shall be exempt from all dues.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The *President*, or in his absence a *Vice-President*, or in their absence a Chairman *pro tempore*, shall preside at all meetings of the Society.

SECTION 2. The *Secretary* shall be the keeper of the Seal of the Society;

he shall conduct the general correspondence and keep full records of the meetings of the Society and the Council. He shall be the custodian of the Insignia and keep a record of each one which he shall issue under such rules as may be formulated by the Council.

SECTION 3. The Assistant Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Society and Council, and shall assist the Secretary and in his absence officiate for him.

SECTION 4. The *Treasurer* shall collect all dues and keep the funds and securities of the Society, and deposit and invest them in the name of the Society, subject to the direction of the Council. He shall keep full accounts of all receipts and disbursements ordered by the Council or the Society, and be prepared to report thereon at each meeting of the Council. He shall make an Annual Report to the Society. For the faithful performance of his duty he shall give such security as the Council may deem proper.

SECTION 5. The *Registrar* shall preserve all proofs of membership. By virtue of his office he shall be a member of the Committee on Membership.

SECTION 6. The *Council* shall have charge of all Special Meetings and shall, through the Assistant Secretary, call them upon the written request of twenty members of the Society, or at such times as they may deem proper. At these meetings only such business shall be transacted as is named in the call.

SECTION 7. The Council shall elect from their number, other than an officer, a President, who shall preside at all meetings of that body. In his absence the Council shall elect a Chairman *pro tem.*

SECTION 8. A *Committee on Genealogy and Heraldry* shall be appointed by the President of the Council for the purpose of collecting information relating to the genealogy of the early settlers of Pennsylvania and their descendants.

SECTION 9. The President of the Council shall appoint a *Committee on Membership*, to consist of the Registrar

and two other members of the Council, whose duty it shall be to examine all applications for membership and report the same to the Council.

SECTION 10. The Council shall appoint annually three of its members to act as a *Committee on Publications*. The Committee shall select the subjects of all publications and submit the same, together with an estimate of the cost, to the Council, whose action in the matter shall be final. The Committee shall have power to fix the price of all publications as well as the number to be printed. Every member of the Society shall be entitled, for a time to be limited by the Committee, to subscribe for one copy of each of the Society's publications at the price fixed by the Committee. All the copies unsubscribed for at the expiration of the time limited shall be sold by the Committee to any persons or institutions desiring them, provided the price obtained be not less than double that paid by the members of the Society.

ARTICLE V

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business for all meetings of the Society and the Council shall be:

1. Reading of the Minutes.
2. Reports of Officers.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Reading of Communications.
5. Election of Members.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. New Business.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

The meetings of the Council shall be held on the second Wednesday of each month, and five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII

MANNER OF WEARING INSIGNIA

Members of the Society shall wear the Insignia fastened to the coat upon the left breast. Officers and Councilors

may wear the Insignia suspended from a ribbon passing around the collar.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These By-Laws may be amended, altered, or repealed by a majority vote at any meeting of the Council, the proposition for such change having been made at a previous meeting, and due notice thereof having been given to the members of the Council.

MEMBERS

Francis Olcott Allen
1539 Pine Street
Norwood Penrose Allen
Church Lane, Germantown
Charles Weaver Bailey
12th and Chestnut Streets
Joseph Trowbridge Bailey
1212 Walnut Street
Joseph Trowbridge Bailey, 3d
Stamford, Conn.
Westcott Bailey
2115 Spruce Street
Richard Rowley Baker
420 Walnut Street
William Spohn Baker
1722 Arch Street
Edwin At lee Barber
West Chester, Pa.
Francis Mark Brooke
403 Bourse Building

DANIEL PASTORIUS BRUNER
501 West Chelten Avenue

HENRY TROTH COATES
"Langdale," Berwyn, Pa.

CHARLES HOWARD COLKET
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809 North 24th Street

PORTER FARQUHARSON COPE
The Bartram, West Phila.

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Haverford, Pa.

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HENRY ALGERNON DU PONT
Wilmington, Del.

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2011 North 12th Street
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906 Spruce Street
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250 North 20th Street
HERMAN HOOPES
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2117 Spruce Street
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218 West Rittenhouse Square
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606–614 Sansom Street
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Towanda, Pa.
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The Aldine
Lewis Rice
1507 Walnut Street
Charles Roberts
1716 Arch Street
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1636 Walnut Street
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2216 Trinity Place
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1825 Spruce Street
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Edward Shippen
1207 Walnut Street

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STEVENSON HOCKLEY WALSH
1804 Pine Street

CLEMENT WEAVER
Sharon Hill, Pa.
THEODORE EDWARD WIEDERSHEIM
315 South 17th Street
WILLIAM CANER WIEDERSHEIM
315 South 17th Street
CHARLES WILLIAMS
Haverford, Pa.
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS WOLCOTT
League Island Navy-Yard
EUGENE ZIEBER
Wayne, Pa.

DECEASED

EDWIN ADAMS DAMON, died November 16, 1896

PUBLICATIONS

The Society proposes to begin its work of preserving and disseminating historical information by the republication in *fac-simile* of *The American Weekly Mercury*, the first newspaper published in the Middle Colonies, and of which no perfect file exists in any one place.

It is a mine of genealogical, historical, commercial, and financial information from 1719 to 1752, the period which it covers.

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